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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE COOPERATION: SHUTTLE-SALYUT (04.06)
INTERPLANETARY (04.03)

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1. ON FEBRUARY 22 VERESHCHETIN GAVE SCICOUNS LETTER FOR FRUTKIN (DATED FEBRUARY 22) WHICH REPLIES TO FRUTKIN-VERESHCHETIN LETTER CONTAINED IN REF A. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF LETTER AND ATTACHED SOVIET PROPOSED AGENDA FOLLOWS IN PARAS FOUR AND FIVE BELOW. ORIGINALS POUCHED TO NASA FOR TERRELL, REGISTRY NO. 2076488. VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT HE HAD CONSULTED WITH SOVIET WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN SAGDEYEV AND SEMYENOV, WHO ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO US ON PROPOSED DATES OF APRIL 24-27 (REF B). VERESHCHETIN NOTED INFORMALLY THAT SOVIETS WOULD STILL PREFER TO HOLD SHUTTLE-SALYUT MEETINGS AT END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH "SUMMARY OF RESULTS" SIGNED AT LAST SHUTTLE-SALYUT TALKS. HOWEVER, SINCE THEY UNDER-

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STAND THAT US IS UNABLE TO HOLD MEETINGS THEN, SOVIETS PROPOSE TO BEGIN THE TALKS ON MAY 22. VERESHCHETIN AGAIN COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS BELIEVE THE THREE DAYS NASA APPARENTLY INTENDS TO ALLOT FOR SHUTTLE-SALYUT TALKS IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER PROPERLY THE NUMEROUS COMPLICATED QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN A POSSIBLE SHUTTLE-SALYUT FLIGHT.

2. SCICOUNS ASKED VERESHCHETIN WHETHER SOVIETS COULD AGREE TO HOLD INTERPLANETARY TALKS AT SAME TIME AS SHUTTLE-SALYUT MEETINGS. VERESHCHETIN REPLIED THAT SOVIETS ARE STILL CONSIDERING REPLY TO US PROPOSAL (REF C); HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS FAILED TO SEE ANY INTRINSIC CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO TOPICS. VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT AT MOST ONE PERSON WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPOSITION OF BOTH THE SOVIET DELEGATIONS TO SHUTTLE-SALYUT AND INTERPLANETARY MEETINGS.

3. VERESHCHETIN REPEATED REMARKS MADE EARLIER THAT SOVIETS SENSE US IS APPROACHING SHUTTLE-SALYUT COOPERATION IN LESS POSITIVE SPIRIT THAN IT DISPLAYED DURING PREPARATIONS FOR APOLLO-SOYUZ. HE AGAIN CAUTIONED US AGAINST A BELIEF THAT THE SOVIETS WANT SHUTTLE-SALYUT COOPERATION MORE THAN US DOES, NOTING IN THIS CONNECTION THAT MANY SOVIET "SPECIALISTS" ASK WHETHER SUCH COOPERATION IS REALLY NECESSARY. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER COOPERATION IN THIS AREA AND VERESHCHETIN INDICATED THAT SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO CARRY IT OUT.

4. VERESHCHETIN-FRUTKIN LETTER AND DRAFT SOVIET AGENDA FOLLOW BELOW.

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DEAR MR. FRUTKIN:

CONSIDERING THAT OUR SPECIALISTS ARE FULLY EMPLOYED IN INTERNAL WORK, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE DATES OF APRIL 22-27 FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS ON THE SHUTTLE-SALYUT PROJECT. WE PROPOSE TO CHANGE THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION TO MAY 22. I AM SENDING YOU A DRAFT AGENDA. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE LENGTH OF TIME WHICH YOU PROPOSE FOR THE MEETING MAY TURN OUT TO BE INSUFFICIENT.

SINCERELY, V.S. VERESHCHETIN.

5. DRAFT AGENDA

1. SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS GROUP

1.1 DISCUSSION OF THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS ON SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS AND A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PREVIOUS SOVIET PROPOSALS.

1.2 A DEFINITION OF THE PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS WHICH THE SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS WILL MAKE UPON THE SHUTTLE AND

THE SALYUT SPACECRAFT. A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF THEIR
REALITY (JOINTLY WITH THE OPERATIONS GROUP.)

1.3 SETTING UP A PRELIMINARY LIST OF FEASIBLE JOINT
EXPERIMENTS. AN ANALYSIS OF THEIR COMPATIBILITY.
WORKING OUT PRELIMINARY VARIANTS OF THE POSSIBLE SCIENTIFIC
PROGRAM.
1.4 AGREEMENT ON A PLANNING DOCUMENT "PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS
FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS."

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2.1 PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF THE
SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE
SPACECRAFT SHUTTLE AND SALYUT.

2.2 DEFINITION OF THE PRELIMINARY COMPOSITION OF THE
JOINT OPERATIONS OF THE SALYUT AND SHUTTLE NECESSARY TO
CARRY OUT THE SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS (APPROACH, DOCKING,
CROSSOVER, EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITY, TRANSFER AND SETTING
UP EQUIPMENT, JOINT WORK WITH SCIENTIFIC INSTRU-
MENTS, DISENGAGEMENT, ETC.).

2.3 DISCUSSION OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OPERATIONS,
JOINT OPERATION OF SYSTEMS AND THEIR CONNECTION (DISTRIBU-
TION OF THE FUNCTIONS AMONG THE OBJECTS (SYSTEMS) OF
EACH SIDE, REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTREME PARAMETERS OR
FUNCTIONS, A PLAN FOR ENSURING COMPATIBILITY.).

A) DIAGRAMS OF THE APPROACH AND DOCKING

B) INFLUENCE OF THE ENGINES OF THE "INERTIAL SYSTEM OF
ORIENTATION" (CIO) OF THE SHUTTLE ON SALYUT
C) DOCKING MECHANISM
D) ORIENTATION DURING JOINT OPERATION
E) MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.
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2.4 DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE VARIANTS OF THE FLIGHT PLANS.

2.5 AGREEMENT ON A PLANNING DOCUMENT "PRELIMINARY
TECHNICAL PROPOSALS ON THE PROJECT."

3. GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

3.1 DISCUSSION AND FORMULATION OF THE TASKS OF THE JOINT
FLIGHT OF SHUTTLE-SALYUT.

3.2 AGREEMENT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

6. SEPTELS TRANSMIT PETROV-LOVELACE LETTER ON RENEWAL OF
NASA-ACADEMY AGREEMENT, INCLUDING SOVIET REMARKS ON INTER-
PLANETARY COOPERATION, AND EMBASSY COMMENTS ON LINKAGE OF
SHUTTLE-SALYUT AND INTERPLANETARY PROGRAMS. MATLOCK

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